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SUBJ: CCD: 763RD PLENARY MEETING, AUGUST 18, 1977

1. SUMMARY: IN AUGUST 18 CCD PLENARY, REPS OF UK, ITALY
AND NIGERIA SPOKE ON THE QUESTION OF A COMPREHENSIVE
NEGOTIATING PROGRAM (CNP) OF ARMS CONTROL MEASURES, WITH
NIGERIA RECOMMENDING THAT A WORKING GROUP BE CREATED TO
DEVELOP A CNP. REPS OF GDR AND BULGARIA SPOKE ON TOPIC
OF NEW MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS (MDW), SUPPORTING SOVIET
DRAFT TREATY ON AN OVERALL BAN. END SUMMARY

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2. STATING THAT THE QUESTION OF A CNP HAD ASSUMED
GREATER IMPORTANCE BY VIRTUE OF THE ADOPTION BY THE
PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE UNGA SPECIAL SESSION ON
DISARMAMENT (SSOD) OF THE DRAFT AGENDA ITEM "ADOPTION OF
A PROGRAM OF ACTION ON DISARMAMENT," UK REP (ASHE) CRITICIZED
APPROACH CONTAINED IN NIGERIAN WORKING PAPER (CCD/510) OF

AUGUST 3, 1976 AS BEING TOO RIGID, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO ESTABLISHING A PRECISE TIMETABLE AND DEADLINES FOR CONCLUDING NEGOTIATIONS ON PARTICULAR SUBJECTS. UK REP SAID THAT THE 1970 CNP PROPOSAL (UNGA DOCUMENT A/8191) OF SIX NONALIGNED COUNTRIES (IRELAND, MEXICO, MOROCCO, PAKISTAN, SWEDEN, YUGOSLAVIA), WHICH REFERRED TO MEASURES OF DISARMAMENT BEING CARRIED OUT AT AN APPROPRIATE STAGE, COULD SERVE AS THE BEST BASIS FOR DISCUSSION OF A NEW CNP, AS HAD BEEN SUGGESTED DURING THE SPRING SESSION BY THE DELEGATION OF MEXICO.

3. ITALIAN REP (DI BERNARDO) STATED THAT A CNP SHOULD BE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING THREE PRINCIPLES: FLEXIBILITY, BALANCE BETWEEN NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL DISARMAMENT; COORDINATION BETWEEN GLOBAL AND REGIONAL DISARMAMENT. ITALIAN REP STATED THAT THE PURSUIT OF NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT TALKS BETWEEN THE US AND USSR WAS OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE, ADDING THAT "CHINA, FRANCE, AND THE UNITED KINGDOM SHOULD BE ABLE TO JOIN THESE TALKS WHEN THE TIME COMES."

4. ITALIAN REP SUGGESTED THAT THE FIRST PHASE OF A CNP SHOULD INCLUDE A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB), AND THAT SUBSEQUENT STAGES SHOULD INVOLVE MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN THE NON-PROLIFERATION REGIME AND TO REDUCE CONVENTIONAL ARMED FORCES. ON THE REDUCTION OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS, ITALIAN REP SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING FOUR MEASURES: (A) PILOT UNCLASSIFIED

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STUDIES, CARRIED OUT BY A GROUP OF STATES ON A VOLUNTARY AND RECIPROCAL BASIS, TO COLLECTIVELY DEVELOP AND TEST AN EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL DATA SYSTEM ON MILITARY EXPENDITURES, SO AS TO ARRIVE AT A REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS; (B) PREPARATORY STUDIES ON THE CONVERSION OF THE ARMS INDUSTRIES OF THE PRINCIPAL DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, WHICH WOULD ENVISAGE ALTERNATIVE TYPES OF PRODUCTION WHILE MAINTAINING THE NUMBER OF JOBS AT A CONSTANT LEVEL; (C) PERIODIC PUBLICATION BY THE UNITED NATIONS OF DATA ON ARMS PRODUCTION AND TRANSFERS, TOGETHER WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EFFECTIVE SYSTEM FOR ARRIVING AT SUCH DATA; (D) THE CREATION, ON THE BASIS OF ARTICLE 29 OF THE UN CHARTER, OF A COMMISSION DIVIDED INTO REGIONAL SUB-COMMISSIONS IN WHICH THE MAJOR ARMS SUPPLIERS OF EACH REGION WOULD PARTICIPATE. THIS COMMISSION WOULD HAVE THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING AS LOW A LEVEL OF CONVENTIONAL ARMAMENTS AS POSSIBLE.

5. ITALIAN REP WENT ON TO RECOMMEND DETAILED STUDIES ON THE APPLICATION OF PEACEFUL MEANS FOR RESOLVING INTERNATIONAL DIFFERENCES; RENEWED EFFORTS TO FILL IN THE GAPS IN THE EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS

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OF THE UNITED NATIONS; AND STUDIES AND/OR NEGOTIATIONS
ON THE ACTIVATION OF A UNITED NATIONS POLICE FORCE
(ARTICLE 43 OF THE CHARTER) AND CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL
BODY TO MONITOR THE APPLICATION OF DISARMAMENT AGREEMENTS
WHICH HAVE ENTERED INTO FORCE.

6. NIGERIAN REP (FALASE), REFERRING TO UNGA RESOLUTION
31/68, ADDRESSED "A SPECIAL APPEAL TO THE MAJOR NUCLEAR
WEAPON STATES WHICH ARE MEMBERS OF THE CCD AND MORE
PARTICULARLY THE TWO SUPERPOWERS TO GIVE MORE ACTIVE SUPPORT
TO THE ADOPTION, BY CONSENSUS, OF A COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING
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PROGRAM BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR'S SESSION OF THE CCD AND IF NOT THEN, CERTAINLY BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON DISARMAMENT NEXT YEAR. WHAT IS HOLDING US BACK IS LACK OF THE "NECESSARY POLITICAL WILL," HE SAID, "TO BACK THE VARIOUS CONCRETE PROPOSALS."

7. NIGERIAN REP REFERRED TO ONGOING CTB AND CHEMICAL WEAPONS TALKS IN A POSITIVE VIE: QUOTE THE NIGERIAN DELEGATION IS INDEED ENCOURAGED BY THE ON-GOING DISARMAMENT TRIPARTITE DISCUSSIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR TEST BAN TREATY BETWEEN THE UK, USA, AND USSR, AS WELL AS THE ONE ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS BY USSR AND USA. THIS IS A GOOD SIGN THAT THE NUCLEAR POWERS ARE READY TO DISCUSS SOME OF THE PRESSING PROBLEMS OF DISARMAMENT THAT REQUIRE IMMEDIATE AND PERMANENT SOLUTION IF THE WORLD IS TO BE A PEACEFUL PLACE FOR MANKIND'S SURVIVAL. ALTHOUGH THE CCD IS NOT INVITED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DISCUSSION AT THIS STAGE, WE HOPE, AS PROMISED BY THE CO-CHAIRMEN, THAT THE CCD WOULD BE KEPT INFORMED OF THE PROGRESS MADE OR AGREEMENT REACHED ON THE DISCUSSION HELD SO FAR. THIS PROGRESS REPORT IN MY VIEW IS SOMEWHAT ESSENTIAL IS VIEW OF THE FORTHCOMING UN SPECIAL SESSION DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT. UNQUOTE.

8. NIGERIAN REP URGED US AND USSR TO UPDATE THEIR 1961 STATEMENT OF AGREED PRINCIPLES AND THEIR 1968 STATEMENT ON THE AGENDA OF THE COMMITTEE, DECLARING THAT "THE VERY FACT THAT THE CCD HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES OF DISARMAMENT SHOULD MAKE IT INCUMBENT UPON US TO REVIEW OUR METHOD OF WORK AND SEE WHETHER WE CAN HAVE A FRESH LOOK AT THE WAY WE HAVE BEEN HANDLING MATTERS OF DISARMAMENT IN THIS COMMITTEE OVER THE YEARS. IT IS THE VIEW OF MY DELEGATION THAT THERE IS A LOT OF IMPROVEMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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REQUIRED IN THIS DIRECTION." NIGERIAN REP WENT ON TO PROPOSE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CCD WORKING GROUP TO DRAFT A CNP FOR ADOPTION BY CONSENSUS. IF A SPECIAL FALL CCD SESSION WERE HELD, THE NIGERIAN REP STATED, CCD COULD AIMAT ADOPTING A CNP DURING THAT FALL SESSION. "IF NOT", NIGERIAN REP STATED, "WE SHOULD RECOMMEND TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT THE COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM SHOULD BE PLACED AS AN ITEM OF TOP PRIORITY IN OUR AGENDA FOR THE SPRING SESSION OF 1978 TO ENABLE US TO PRESENT A PROGRAM

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FOR PRESENTATION TO THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED
NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON DISARMAMENT."

9. GDR REP (HERDER) SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF SOVIET DRAFT TREATY
ON BANNING NEW MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS (MDW). STATING THAT
28 COMMUNIST AND WORKERS' PARTIES OF EUROPE HAD APPEALED
FOR A BAN ON DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION OF NEW MDW, GDR
REP DECLARED THAT "THE JUSTIFICATION OF THIS DEMAND IS QUITE
OBVSIOUS. WE ARE WITNESSES TO THE FACT THAT ALREADY KNOWN
WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION ARE BEING PERMANENTLY FURTHER
DEVELOPED AND PERFECTED. THE RECENT EXAMPLE IS THE SO-CALLED
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NEUTRON BOMB WHICH SHALL BE DESIGNED SPECIALLY FOR THE
BARBARIC EXTERMINATION OF MAN. IN VIEW OF THE SERIOUS EFFORTS
MADE BY THE UNITED NATIONS AND BY OUR COMMITTEE TOWARD THE
COMPLETE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS AND OF NUCLEAR
WEAPONS AS A WHOLE, IT IS QUITE UNDERSTANDABLE THAT INALL

PARTS OF THE WORLD THE PROTEST AGAINST THIS BOMB INCREASES
WITH EVERY DAY."

10. STATING THAT THE GDR SHARES THE OPINION THAT THE RECENT
CCD INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH EXPERTS ON MDW WERE USEFUL, GDR
REP PRAISED SOVIETS FOR TABLING THEIR REVISED DRAFT TREATY.
IN THE INFORMAL MEETINGS, HE SAID, "THE SCIENTISTS OF THE
SOCIALIST COUNTRIES HAVE PRESENTED EXAMPLES WHICH ARE
SUFFICIENTLY SCIENTIFICALLY SUBSTANTIATED AS TO THE FIELDS
IN WHICH THERE IS ALREADY NOW A POSSIBILITY OF THE DEVELOPMENT
OF NEW TYPES OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION. NO SCIENTIFICALLY
FOUNDED COUNTER-ARGUMENTS COULD BE GIVEN. THE EXPERTS
WHO SPOKE AGAINST SUCH AN AGREEMENT DID NOT COMMENT ON
THOSE EXAMPLES, NEITHER IN A CONCRETE WAY NOR AS TO THEIR
SUBSTANCE. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT IS QUITE UNSCIENTIFIC
TO DENY THAT REVOLUTIONARY DISCOVERIES IN SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY ARE POSSIBLE AT ANY TIME."

11. CONCLUDING, GDR REP ADVOCATED AN MDW BAN WHICH WOULD
BE LEGALLY BINDING IN TERMS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, AS
PROPOSED BY THE USSR, DECLARING THAT "THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF SUCH AN EFFECTIVE PROHIBITION CANNOT BE GUARANTEED BY
ADOPTING A RESOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY."

12. BULGARIAN REP (NIKOLOV) ALSO SPOKE ON MDW, SUPPORTING
THE SOVIET PROPOSAL AND USING ARGUMENTS SIMILAR TO THOSE
OF THE GDR REP. "GIVEN SUFFICIENT POLITICAL WILL," HE SAID,
"A SOLUTION IS POSSIBLE, REGARDLESS OF THE COMPLEXITY OF THE
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PROBLEM."

13. NEXT PLENARY MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY,
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